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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of :
FABIO CINELLI, ET AL. : Confirmation No.: 9733
Serial No.: 09/917,505 : Group Art Unit: 1713
Filed: July 27, 2001 : Examiner: R. A. Lee

For DISPOSABLE HUMAN WASTE MANAGEMENT
DEVICES WITH IMPROVED ADHESIVE FLANGE
ATTACHMENT MEANS TO FACILITATE WATER
ADHESION STABILITY WITH LOW PAIN LEVEL
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 2, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This response is timely filed on March 3, 2003 (March 2, 2003, being a Sunday) pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.8 and M.P.E.P. §512.

AMENDMENTS

In the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 7, as follows:

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This application is a continuation of Application Serial No. PCT/US00/02705 filed on February 2, 2000 and published in English which issued as WO 00/45766 on August 10, 2000.

In the Claims:

Please amend Claims 1, 2, 5, and 10 as follows:

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1. An adhesive for a disposable human waste management device:
said disposable human waste management device comprising a bag;
said bag comprising an aperture and a flange surrounding said aperture;